





2024-25 Annual Report

GERING
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Legacy of Pride. Future of Promise.



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I want to share my gratitude for what makes Gering Public Schools such a special place. Our annual report theme, “Legacy of Pride. Future of Promise.” captures both the strong foundation built by generations of families and educators, and the bright possibilities ahead for every student.

Our pride comes from the traditions, relationships, and community support that shape who we are. At the same time, we are focused on a future where every student is supported, challenged, and inspired—whether their path leads to college, skilled trades, the arts, athletics, military service or workforce leadership opportunities.

Thank you for being essential partners in this work. Your involvement and support help us create a school system where all students feel valued and prepared for what’s ahead.

I am honored to serve this community and excited for all that is to come.

Dr. Nicole Regan
Superintendent of Schools

Mission

Gering Public Schools exists to equip today's learners with the skills necessary to be tomorrow's leaders.

Vision

Building a community where students feel valued, respected and inspired to develop to their fullest potential.

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Strategic Plan
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Building Foundations That Last

In 2021, a Gering Communities for Kids report revealed a critical need in our community: 264 children in Gering did not have access to preschool because there simply wasn't enough available capacity. Research shows that high-quality preschool experiences help children develop essential early learning skills, strengthen social-emotional development, and set the stage for long-term academic success. Gering Public Schools recognized this gap and made expanding early childhood education a top priority in its strategic plan.

Over the past five years, that commitment has reshaped the district. GPS has grown from two preschool classrooms to 10, offering full- and half-day programs embedded in every neighborhood elementary school - Geil, Lincoln, and Northfield. This expansion ensures families across the community have access to early learning opportunities close to home, meeting a need that once felt out of reach.

One project stands out as a symbol of the district's innovation and Bulldog pride. To continue increasing access, GPS built a new four-classroom preschool on the Northfield campus, which opened in November 2024.

The building itself was constructed in partnership with students from the Gering High School Construction Trades Pathway. Using existing district funds and the skilled talent of our own students and staff, GPS was able to complete the project with significant cost savings while giving high school students real-world experience. Their work has been highlighted in statewide and national stories as an example of how schools can meet community needs through creative, hands-on learning.

Today, preschoolers enter a campus built with intention and built by students who wanted to give back to future Bulldogs. The project is more than a building; it is a testament to what happens when a community invests in early childhood education and believes in the potential of its young people.





GPS FAST FACTS Demographics

5 Schools

1,976 Students

19% Special Education

15% High Ability Learning Students

98% Graduation Rate

93% Attendance Rate

48% Free/Reduced Meal Rate

Student Race/Ethnicity

African American	1%
Native American	2%
Asian	1%
Two or More	2%
Hispanic	33%
White	61%

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District Profile

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Educators

130 Teachers

64% Teachers with a Masters Degree

15:1 Student/Teacher Ratio





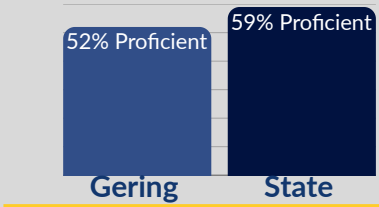
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⅓ Staff Are Gering Alumni

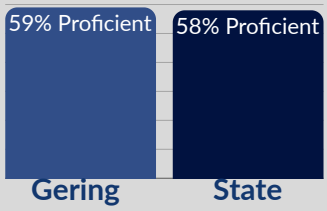
STATE ASSESSMENT Scores

Academic Goals & Progress

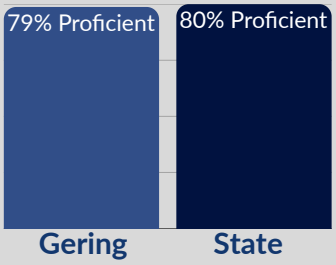
Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System (NSCAS): Statewide assessments for 3rd-8th graders in English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, and Science.



English Language Arts



Math



Science

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School Highlights

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*Lincoln Elementary Moves to "**EXCELLENT**" School Classification*

Dual Credit Impact

1386

Dual-Credit Hours Complete

98%

Success/Passing Rate

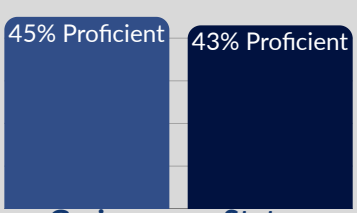
GHS Dual Credit Saved Families

$151,767

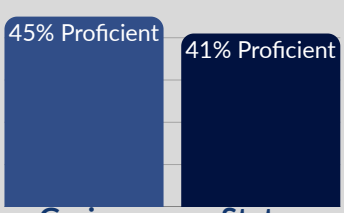
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American College Testing (ACT): Standardized test for 11th graders that is used for college admissions in the United States.

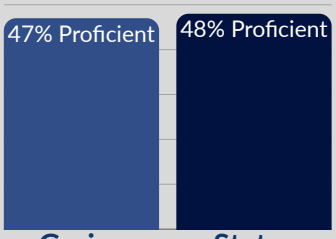
Gering High School Moves to "GREAT**" School Classification*



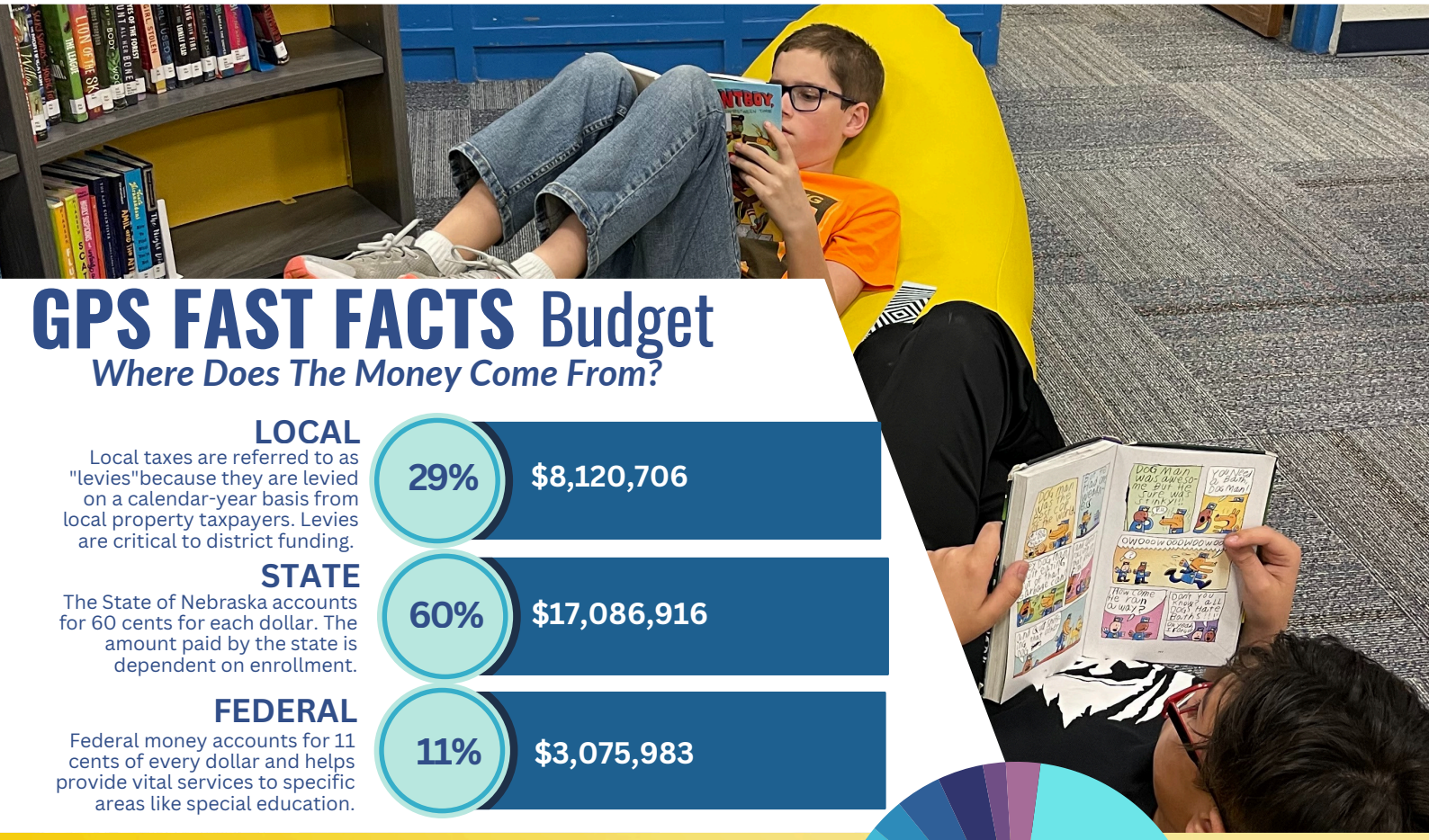
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Math



Science



GPS FAST FACTS Budget

Where Does The Money Come From?

LOCAL
Local taxes are referred to as "levies"because they are levied on a calendar-year basis from local property taxpayers. Levies are critical to district funding.

29% $8,120,706

STATE
The State of Nebraska accounts for 60 cents for each dollar. The amount paid by the state is dependent on enrollment.

60% $17,086,916

FEDERAL
Federal money accounts for 11 cents of every dollar and helps provide vital services to specific areas like special education.

11% $3,075,983

How Does Gering Use Each Dollar?



Expenditures

67% Teaching & Teaching Support $17,365,584
Last year, 67 cents of every dollar spent was used for teaching and learning support such as counselors, librarians and paraprofessionals

11% School & Central Office Admin $2,821,551
Administration, which includes principals and central office staff account for 11 cents of every dollar.

9% Custodial, Maintenance & Grounds $2,364,588
More than 9 cents per dollar was spent on school building maintenance, custodians and grounds crews.

3% Transportation $822,579
Buses and drivers to safely transport students daily cost the District 3 cents per dollar each year.

5% Nutrition Services $1,337,046
A little more than 5 cents of every dollar provided nutritious meals for students.

3% Other Support Services $660,283
Services such as technology, printing, graphics and warehousing, etc.

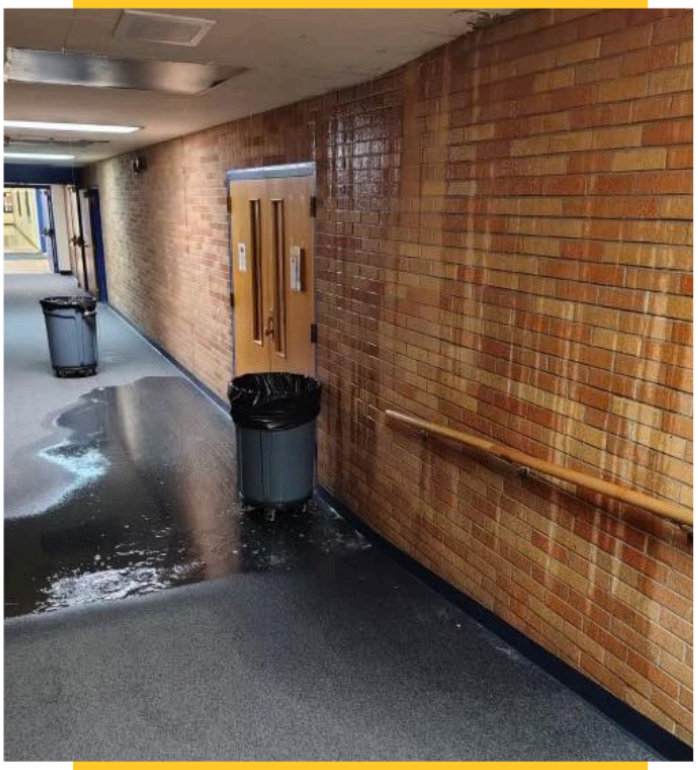
2% Utilities $744,218
We invest right back into the Gering community through water, power & sewer

Property Taxes Levied Per: $100 of assessed valuation

Fund Type:	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
General	$1.0499	$0.9899	$0.9899
Bond	$0.22	$0.22	$0.22
Building	-	$0.06	$0.06
Qualified	$0.0147	$0.0147	$0.03
Total	**$1.2846**	**$1.2846**	**$1.2998**

HELP US REIMAGINE

GERING MIDDLE SCHOOL



Gering Families

We are continuing our work to reimagine Gering Middle School — thinking about how to create safe, functional, and inspiring spaces for all students.

Facility challenges remain, and your feedback is critical as we plan next steps.

Take the GMS Survey

Scan this QR Code or Visit:

bit.ly/GMSreimagine

Less than 5 minutes to complete

Your Input will help guide the next chapter for GMS.

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Thank You Gering

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